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: POROUS SINTERED BODY OF CALCIUM PHOSPHATE-BASED

CERAMIC AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112 IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 29, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated April 29, 2008 which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for reply until July 29, 2008.

This response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required for maintaining pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of the application, including any necessary extension of time and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the present reply and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.

Remarks begin on 3 of this paper.